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SUBJECT: GNZ CONSENT TO TRANSFER TO NEW ZEALAND OF
RADIOACTIVE COBALT-60 SEALED SOURCES FOR MEDICAL USE

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¶1. In response to reftel: The National Radiation Laboratory of the New Zealand Ministry of Health is the regulatory authority that approves applications for transferring radioactive materials into New Zealand. Application forms for such transfers can be found on the laboratory's website: www.nrl.moh.govt.nz. For transfers of Category 1 and Category 2 quantities of radioactive material, the New Zealand recipient would have to be granted a license by the National Radiation Laboratory.

¶2. Thus, any application for the transfer of Category 1 quantities of cobalt-60 to the University of Auckland must be lodged in consultation with the university.

¶3. The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission could contact the National Radiation Laboratory directly: Tony Cotterill, leader quality assurance/team leader regulatory, National Radiation Laboratory, Public Health Directorate, Ministry of Health; telephone 011-64-3-366-5059; fax 011-64-3-366-1156; e-mail address Tony_Cotterill@nrl.moh.govt.nz.

¶4. Post stands ready to provide additional assistance as needed.

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